



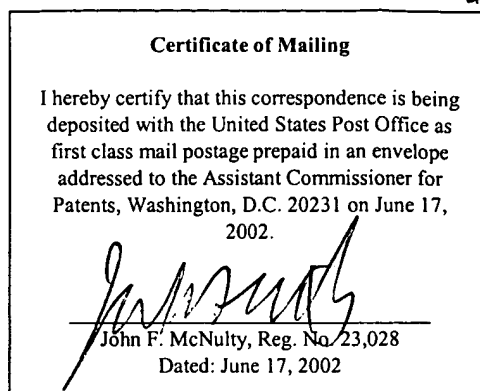
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- (2) PTO form 1449;
- (3) European Search Report;
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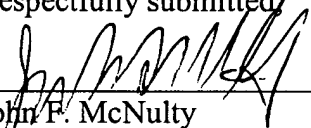
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